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Letter dated 30 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the attached letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, Madhu Raman Acharya (see annex), in which he requested, on behalf of his Government, a six-month extension of the current mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal from 23 January 2009.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1740 (2007), subsequently renewed by Security Council resolutions 1796 (2008) and 1825 (2008), the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) has been providing support and facilitation to the nationally driven peace process of Nepal.

You are aware that the Government of Nepal is firm in its commitment to further consolidate peace and, in cooperation with all the political actors and other stakeholders, is making steady progress in bringing the peace process towards a logical conclusion in the country. The Government is also making sincere efforts to operationalize, as early as possible, the Special Committee, which, among other things, will also decide on the future of the armed personnel currently living in the cantonments on the basis of the relevant provision of the interim Constitution of Nepal 2007.

On behalf of the Government of Nepal, I would like to request an extension of the current mandate and the related works of UNMIN by another six months, from 23 January 2009. It is our expectation that the staffing and operations of UNMIN may be adjusted accordingly, together with its successive downsizing, as appropriate.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your personal support to the peace process in Nepal and our sincere appreciation to UNMIN for its work and contributions in the mandated areas.

(*Signed*) Madhu Raman **Acharya**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative